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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/528,942	Applicant(s) GUTHRIE ET AL.	
	Examiner Jermele M. Hollington	Art Unit 2829	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 11-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Invention I, claims 1-6 and 11-12, in the reply filed on September 29, 2006 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 7-10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on September 29, 2006.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on November 3, 2005 is not in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is not considering the information disclosure statement. It appears that PTO-1449 was not included with the IDS transmittal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-6 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Akram (6189120).

Regarding claim 1, Akram discloses [see Figs. 1-3] a method for testing a plurality of integrated circuit chips (DUT 12) for compliance with a radio standard, each chip (12) having

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transmission means (transmitter 156) and receiving means (receiver 154) for sending and receiving RF signals, the method comprising: placing the chips (12) in close proximity to one another, testing [via testing system 100] the transmission means (156) of each chip (12) with respect to a known good reference chip (12), selecting [via test interface circuitry 18] a number of the chips (12) to form a generating group, the remaining chips (12) forming a receiving group, and testing [via testing system 100] the receiving group (12) using signals generated by the generating group (12).

Regarding claim 2, Akram discloses the chips (12) are mounted on a test board (burn-in board 14) prior to testing.

Regarding claim 3, Akram discloses the selection of generating and receiving groups (12) is repeated until all chips (12) have been tested.

Regarding claim 4, Akram discloses number of chips (12) selected to form a generating group is determined at least in part by the testing requirements (100).

Regarding claims 5-6, Akram discloses the testing requirements [via system 100] specify a test requiring at least two or three generated signals.

Regarding claim 11, Akram discloses a computer program comprising instructions for performing a method according to any of claims 1 to 4 when run on a testing computer (38) [see col. 5, lines 53-65].

Regarding claim 12, Akram discloses a computer readable storage medium (39) having recorded thereon data representing instructions for performing a method according to any of claims 1 to 6 when said data is loaded on a testing computer (38) [see col. 5, lines 53-65].

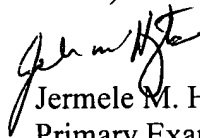
Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 for further details.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jermele M. Hollington whose telephone number is (571) 272-1960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-4:00 EST) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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